

Appln. No. 10/016,585
Amendment dated May 11, 2007
Reply to Office Action mailed March 13, 2007

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 1, 7, 12 through 19, 21 through 27 and 29 remain in this application. Claims 2 through 6, 8 through 11, 20 and 28 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn and added.

Paragraphs 3 through 7 of the Office Action

Claims 1, 7, 21, 22, 24, 25 and 29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ezekiel in view of Richardson.

Claim 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ezekiel, Richardson and Fuji.

Claim 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ezekiel, Richardson and Goldman.

Claim 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ezekiel, Richardson and Matheny.

Claims 1 through 11 and 20 through 29 have been cancelled, and therefore the §103(a) rejections of these claims is submitted to be moot. Thus, as claims 12 through 19 have been indicated as being allowable over the prior art, this patent application is submitted to be in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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